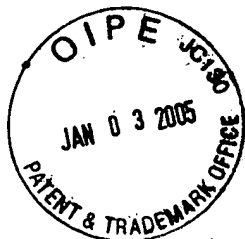


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Applicant : Kripesh et al.
Appl. No. : 10/078,243
Filed : February 14, 2002
For : PROCESS OF FORMING METAL
SURFACES COMPATIBLE WITH
A WIRE BONDING AND
SEMICONDUCTOR
INTEGRATED CIRCUITS
MANUFACTURED BY THE
PROCESS

Examiner : L. A. Gurley
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 30, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.